

Virginia Medicaid Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS)

Office-Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT)

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Model Requirements for Providers

The Preferred Office-Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) model is a type of outpatient treatment designed for people living with opioid use disorder (OUD), alcohol use disorder (AUD) and other substance use disorder (SUD) that integrates medical services, addiction treatment and recovery services for individuals in one primary care location.

Preferred OBATs utilize person-centered, evidenced-based approaches for the treatment of OUD. DMAS supports same day access and initiation of pharmacotherapy for individuals with OUD and encourages Preferred OBATs to meet this model of care.

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Steps to Complete your OBAT Attestation Packet

Licensed practitioners included on the staff roster must be credentialed as an in-network provider with Magellan of Virginia or at least one of the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

Submit the “ARTS Preferred OBAT Provider Attestation”, “OBAT Credentialing Checklist”, and “Preferred OBAT Staff Roster” to SUD@dmas.virginia.gov

Once recognized by DMAS as a Preferred OBAT, submit the “Preferred OBAT Recognition Letter” to the DMAS Provider Services Solutions vendor and the Medicaid MCOs.

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Substance Use Care Coordination Service Description (G9012)

Integrates behavioral health into primary care and specialty medical settings through interdisciplinary care planning and monitoring patient progress and tracking patient outcomes.

Initiating conversations on the effects of the Biopsychosocial Model and how treatment, recovery and wellness are interconnected to the science of addiction.

Supports conversations between buprenorphine-waivered practitioner and behavioral health professionals to develop and monitor individualized treatment plans.

Link and refer patients to community resources and peer recovery supports (including Faith-Based, SMART Recovery, 12-Step Fellowships, Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous and Harm Reduction etc.).

Tracks and supports patients when they obtain medical, behavioral health, or social services outside the practice.

This code must be billed with a primary Substance Use Disorder (SUD) as defined by the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5).